



Speech by

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SCHOOLS, SANDGATE ELECTORATE

Mr NUTTALL (Sandgate—ALP) (7.13 p.m.): I am so glad that our preferences got the honourable member for Gympie back into this Parliament.

I wish to speak this evening about schools within my electorate. One of the things that the Goss Labor Government did not do was pork-barrel seats in this State. But one of the sad things that happened under the former coalition Government was the pork-barrelling of funds for schools. I could give example after example of how schools within the Aspley electorate have received funds for building, construction and maintenance work, whereas much older schools in my electorate received no money whatsoever. The kids are cannon fodder.

Mr Seeney: Oh, no!

Mr NUTTALL: The member need not say "Oh, no!" to me, because that happens. I invite members to visit my electorate and have a look at the state of schools within the electorate compared to the state of schools within the Aspley electorate, which is held by Mr Goss, and the way in which money was deliberately withdrawn from schools within my electorate. I have letters from former Ministers saying that there were capital works programs for schools within my electorate, but as soon as the Government changed that money was withdrawn and put into the seat of Aspley simply to prop up the member for Aspley. And that was done at the expense of kids and at the expense of better education.

Time expired.
